

B4L Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Assoc.

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The 145th annual Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association meeting was called to order by Pres. Reggy Lusk at 9:50 a.m. Saturday, April 5, 2014 at Minnick Building at Baca County Fairgrounds in Springfield, Colo. There were 60 members in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Southeastern Colorado Junior Cattlemen members, who recessed to their own annual meeting.

A legislative report was given by Terry Fankhauser, CCA exec. vice president. Industry reports were given by Jo Ann McEndree, Colo. CattleWomen president; Gene Manuello, CCA board president, Chris Whitney, Colorado Brand Board commissioner, Todd Inglee, Colo. Beef Council board member, and John Singletary & Travis Black, Colorado Parks & Wildlife.

Pat Karney moved and Amanda McEndree seconded to dispense with the reading of the 2013 annual meeting minutes and approve them as written. Motion passed by voice vote. Sec. Susan Russell read correspondence from Todd Inglee, seeking support for CCA second vice president.

Russell also highlighted the past fiscal year spending. Miton Rink moved and Nolan Davis seconded to accept the fiscal year financial report. Motion passed. Colby Mick presented the audit committee's report and the proposed budget. Hans Hasser moved and Pat Karney seconded to approve the budget. Motion passed on a voice vote. Pat Karney presented the Endowment Trust's statement of condition and financial statement. He moved and Hans Hasser seconded to approve the Endowment Trust summary. Motion passed by voice vote.

Pres. Lusk noted that a February 1940 token issued to commemorate Bent-Prowers' 70th annual meeting in Las Animas, was on display. It was acquired from an estate and Bent-Prowers will be loaning it to area museums to put on display. Lusk also noted that new red Bent-Prowers' vests were also at the back of the room. They were worn at events, including serving food and being volunteers for the Pedal the Plains and they were available for purchase or for check-out at functions.

In new business, 2nd Vice President Pat Ptolemy presented the resolutions committee's resolutions:

Proposed Resolution #1 concerning mandatory drug testing for food programs:

WHEREAS, 80 percent of the Farm Bill spending is allocated to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or food stamps) or over \$768 billion over the next ten years and

WHEREAS from 2007 to 2011 food stamp spending more than doubled, going from \$30 billion to \$72 billion, according to the Congressional Budget office, far outpacing the rise in the unemployment rate over that time, and

WHEREAS many agree the Farm Bill should be renamed the Food Security Bill and the size of food assistance programs make an honest discussion about production agriculture policy very difficult due to the distortion of food spending,

THEREFORE the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association supports mandatory randomized drug testing for all recipients of food or other public assistance to decrease the amount of money spend on food assistance nutrition programs.

Pat Ptolemy moved and Steve Ptolemy seconded to pass the above resolution. Following discussion, the motion passed in a split voice vote.

Proposed Resolution #2 to honor deceased members:

WHEREAS, since the last annual meeting many of our beloved and valued members passed to their reward. We, who remain, have enjoyed and benefitted from their association and we are saddened by their absence. We share the sorrow of their families and loved ones and to their memory, we pledge to support the principles which these great men and women, who have gone before us, have firmly instilled in our association.

THEREFORE be it resolved, the members of Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association, now stand to take a moment to memorialize our deceased members.

Pat Ptolemy so moved and the membership seconded in a unified stand to recognize the deceased.

There was one directive to come from the floor, with David Mendenhall presenting:

Proposed directive #1 concerning National Heritage Areas:

WHEREAS, a lot of conversations and publicity has arisen regarding creating a National Heritage Area designation in Southeast Colorado.

WHEREAS Bent-Prowers strives to review both the pros and cons of this potential designation and wants informed grass-roots action.

THEREFORE Bent-Prowers asked CCA to help research both the pro and con of this issue.

Ron O'Neal moved and Bill Sparks seconded to accept the directive. During discussion, research methods and designation details were voiced. Terry Fankhauser stated that CCA board likely would be glad to provide hand-in-hand assistance by helping Bent-Prowers identify sources who might have insight into NHAs, however he stressed that NHAs are a local issue. Motion passed on voice vote.

The nominating committee report was given by Immediate Past Pres. Kevin Hefley, with the slate of: Bill Hancock, president; Pat Ptolemy, 1st vice president; Colby Mick, 2nd vice president; and Susan Russell, secretary treasurer; Baca County directors, Amanda McEndree, Steve McEndree and Ron Wait; for Bent County directors, Tim Erickson, Pat Karney, Joe Kasza, and Randy McEndree; for Kiowa County directors, Bruce Fickenscher, Ron O'Neal, Timy Trosper and Dustin Wyckoff; for Otero County directors, Bill Gray, Tyler Karney, Leon Leonard, and Dave Mendenhall; and for Prowers County directors, Nolan Davis, Amber Freouf, Leonard Pruett and Milton Rink were nominated.

Kevin Hefley and Steve Ptolemy moved to accept the slate. Motion passed. Leonard Pruett moved and Ron O'Neal seconded to close nominations and accept the director slate by acclamation. Motion passed on a voice vote. Hefley also reported that Lori Chase and Reggy Lusk will join himself as three past presidents rounding out the board.

There was no further business. Hans Hasser moved and Colby Mick seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed at 12:30 p.m. The business session ended, with luncheon, a ranch rodeo scramble, punch bowl, banquet and dance to follow.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Russell, secretary